From: Laurel Brandt
To: Keith, Kirsten
Subject: Re: Trapped by traffic in the Willows
Date: Sunday, April 16, 2017 3:24:30 PM

Hi Kirsten,

I am remembering the meeting you had with Willows residents February 26th at Cafe Zoe about traffic in the Willows. At the time you were planning to have a larger community meeting (perhaps at Laurel Upper Campus) in a month or 6 weeks (I think!) for further discussions and updates. Do you have any thoughts about that idea now? Perhaps you are waiting to hear back from Chief Jonsen first?

Thanks for your help and interest,
Laurel

On Fri, Mar 17, 2017 at 1:54 PM, Kirsten Keith <kkeith@menlopark.org> wrote:

> Hi Laurel,
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> Thank you for your email. I completely understand your frustration as I live here in the Willows as well. Chief Jonsen is going to come back to us with some ideas on some things that could be done in the near term in April or May.
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> Sincerely,
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> Kirsten Keith,
> Mayor
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> On Fri, Mar 17, 2017 at 12:27 PM Laurel Brandt <l.e.f.brandt@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> Hello Council Members,
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>> I have written before about the unsafe driving by cut-through drivers in the Willows neighborhood. Recently the cut-through traffic in our neighborhood has gotten so bad that we cannot go north, south, or east from our neighborhood in the afternoons, and many of my neighbors literally cannot drive to their homes due to gridlock on Woodland, Euclid, O'Connor, Chester, O'Keefe, Donohoe, and Gilbert (basically any road leading to Willow or University. These neighbors have had to park blocks away and then come back later in the evening to retreive their cars.
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>> My neighbor on the south/east side of Oak Ct could not get home three nights this week. She is 39 weeks pregnant and has a toddler and had to walk for blocks to get to her house. What will she do if she goes into labor during the 3-5 hour period during the day when she can't drive to or from her home?
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>> I myself tried to leave the neighborhood at 4:30 one afternoon this week, waited in the car for 1/2 hour, moved 1/2 block, then gave up and went home. During that half hour, I saw 3 cars driving down the wrong side of the street, and one near miss collision.
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>> This is no mere inconvenience. It is a safety issue. I know you have plans to address the issue in the long run, but is there anything that can be done in the short-term to make our

> neighborhood safe and accessible again?
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> Please help us!
> Thank you for the work that you do for us,
> Laurel Brandt
> 143 Oak Ct.